

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 48 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A data communication control apparatus for communicating with a plurality of terminals controlling distribution of data among a plurality of communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of connected terminals including at least a first terminal which can communicate voice data to the control apparatus and a second terminal which can communicate text data but not voice data to the control apparatus, comprising:

a receiving device adapted to receive image data and voice data from a first terminal which communicates image data and voice data to be distributed to a second terminal which communicates via at least text data or voice data;

an image converting device adapted to convert first image data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal into second image data for which a format of the data is adjusted according to the second terminal;

a voice recognition device adapted to recognize the voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal and to generate text data based upon the recognized voice data;

an image file generating device adapted to generate an image file on the basis of the received image data;

a control device adapted to control a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals corresponding to a kind of the second terminal; and

a data distributing device adapted to distribute the converted second image data and the generated text data generated by the voice recognition device and the generated image file generated by the image file generating device to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a general-purpose terminal, and to distribute the image data and the voice data by a predetermined protocol for video conference to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a dedicated video conference terminal to the second terminal.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device distributes the text data in real-time.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device further distributes text data, which has been entered from the second terminal, to the first terminal.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said voice recognition device generates text-chat data.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said second terminal has a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the first terminal has a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

25. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the text-chat data is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendation T.120.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the second terminal is connected via the Internet Protocol.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said generated image file is converting device converts data to HTML-format hypertext data for the second terminal, including the first image data, ~~based upon image data that has entered from the communication terminals.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said image converting file generating device includes an HTTP server.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the first terminal is a videoconferencing terminal in compliance with any of ITU-T Recommendations H.320, H.323 and H.324.

30. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the data communication control apparatus is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendations H.231 and H.243.

31. to 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A control method in a data communication control apparatus for communicating with a plurality of terminals ~~controlling distribution of data among a plurality of communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of terminals including at least a first terminal which can communicate voice data to the control apparatus and a second terminal which can communicate text data but not voice data to the control apparatus~~, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving image data and voice data from a first terminal which communicates image data and voice data to be distributed to a second terminal which communicates via at least text data or voice data;

~~an image converting step of converting first image data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal into second image data for which a format of the data is adjusted according to the second terminal;~~

~~a voice recognition step of recognizing the voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data;~~

an image file generating step of generating an image file on the basis of the received image data;

~~a control step of controlling a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals corresponding to a kind of the second terminal; and~~

~~a data distributing step of distributing the converted second image data and the generated text data generated by the voice recognition step and the generated image file~~

generated by the image file generating step to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a general-purpose terminal, and to distribute the image data and the voice data by a predetermined protocol for video conference to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a dedicated video conference terminal to the second terminal.

41. to 45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which has been recorded program code of a control method in a data communication control apparatus for communicating with a plurality of terminals controlling distribution of data among a plurality of communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of terminals including at least a first terminal which can communicate voice data to the control apparatus and a second terminal which can communicate text data but not voice data to the control apparatus, said program code comprising:

code of a receiving step of receiving image data and voice data from a first terminal which communicates image data and voice data to be distributed to a second terminal which communicates via at least text data or voice data;

code of an image converting step of converting first image data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal into second image data for which a format of the data is adjusted according to the second terminal;

code of a voice recognition step of recognizing the voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data;

code of an image file generating step of generating an image file on the basis of the received image data;

code of a control step of controlling a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals corresponding to a kind of the second terminal; and

code of a data distributing step of distributing the converted second image data and the generated text data generated by the voice recognition step and the generated image file generated by the image file generating step to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a general-purpose terminal, and to distribute the image data and the voice data by a predetermined protocol for video conference to the second terminal in a case where the second terminal is a dedicated video conference terminal to the second terminal.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Canceled)